

"The Daylight Store."

Our Clearance Sale

Must Clean up Winter Goods—Suits and Overcoats for Men and Boys

Consist of late styles in Cassimere Suits, Auto and Chesterfield Overcoats and the
PRICE IS REDUCED ABOUT ONE THIRD

Flannel Shirts, Wool Underwear and Corduroy Pants
REDUCED TO CLEAN UP

American Clothing House

Warm
Footwear

QUALITY STORE.

Caps
Gloves

Black & Arnold Clothing Co.

We make good everything we sell.
—Black & Arnold Clothing Co. It

Hear J. W. Suddath at the Court House next Saturday evening.

De. C. Mize, candidate for Recorder from New Home, was in to hear Champ Clark and favored us.

Marion Wood, candidate for Recorder from Adrian, heard Champ Clark Tuesday and made us a call.

Judge W. T. Cole favors us with renewal. The Judge is another faithful old friend who has been with us from the beginning.

SEED CORN.—Boone Co. white grown from pure bred seed; choice seed that will grow. Address, A. S. Millhorn, Butler, Mo. 12-17

Our old friend W. M. Steffin, out on Butler No. 8, was a pleasant caller the last of the week and observed his annual custom of renewing.

The more we sell the cheaper we can afford to make prices, so let's see you in 1910 often.—Black & Arnold Clothing Co.

W. H. Dunn was in the city the last of the week; He was taking a whirl through the county in the interest of his candidacy for county clerk.

C. C. Swearns, of Foster, passed through Butler Tuesday evening on his way to attend the Implement Dealers Convention at Kansas City.

The more goods we sell in 1910; the cheaper we can afford to make prices, start now.—Black & Arnold Clothing Co.

Miss Maude Embree returned to her home near Garden City, Mo., Saturday, after a week's visit with the families of Ellis Tuttle and Circuit Clerk Embree.

Ex-Mayor A. B. Owen called and renewed, as has been his custom the first of the year for the past thirty years. Who says there are not compensations for the editor's troubles?

Little Bennie Downey, who has been bedfast with typhoid fever for several weeks, is reported a little better, but little hopes are entertained for his recovery.

See Sleeth for that Insurance. 46ft

George Phifer, Chalklevel, Mo.; Robert B. Crook, Spruce; Oliver Nightwine, Butler No. 4 and J. W. Poland, Butler No. 4 are new subscribers this week.

Bob Deacon, Frank Gench and Oscar Heinlein are in Kansas City this week attending the Implement Dealers Convention, which began Monday and will last all week.

Our cut price is moving things.—Black & Arnold Clothing Co. It

Senator C. C. Dickinson, congressional nominee, will speak at Amsterdam on next Tuesday, January 18th at 1:30 o'clock and at Amoret the same evening at 7:30 o'clock.

SALESMEN WANTED.—To organize clubs and sell irrigated farms in Colorado; free trip to investigate lands; liberal commissions paid; good territory open.—Artesian Land Co., Inc. capital \$650,000, Third National Bank Bldg., St. Louis, Mo. 11-1

J. E. Zwahlen and Miss Verna Brummett were married at the home of Robert Stanley Sunday morning at 10 o'clock by Rev. J. A. Jared. These are popular young people of Passaic where they will make their home.

The fire alarm Sunday about noon, brought the fire ladders in quick order to the home of Herbert Steele, when fire was discovered in the roof, caught from a defective flue. It was soon put out before any considerable damage had been done.

Mrs. W. M. Bowker died at her home in Nevada last Thursday evening of tuberculosis. She was the daughter of the late Judge Scott, and a sister of Levi L. Scott, one of the most prominent attorneys in the state.

Begin now and keep coming in.—Black & Arnold Clothing Co. It

Members of Marmaduke Camp No. 615 are requested to meet at the county clerk's office on next Saturday, Jan'y 15th, at 2 o'clock to transact business of importance from a distance. J. R. Ford, Commander. W. B. Tyler, Sec'y.

The Knights Templars, of Butler, were entertained by Sir Knight T. K. Lisle and his wife at their home on Mill street, Saturday night in honor of their son, Richard Lisle. There were twelve knights present and a delightful time was had and a sumptuous banquet enjoyed.

C. A. McCombs recently sold his place in Spruce township and thinks of buying another closer to the county seat. He is a Bates county boy to the man or born, an industrious, honorable young gentleman and a true blue Democrat, and we would hate to see him leave the county.

Squire B. F. Howe is very sick at his home on the west side, of kidney complaint. The squire is unconscious the greater portion of the time and owing to his advanced age his life is despaired of. It is hoped by his many friends that he will take a change for the better and speedily recover.—Amsterdam Enterprise.

It has been suggested to us to ask Bro. Funk, of the Republican Press, the question "How many postmasters attended the Republican Congressional Convention at Butler on Dec. 28th that nominated Phil Griffith? If there wasn't nine in attendance as delegates or proxies or if that wasn't a pretty fair representation of postmasters from seven counties comprising the district."

Carl J. Henry, of Butler, passed through Rich Hill on his way to Hume, and while here avowed his candidacy for Probate Judge at the coming Democratic primary. Mr. Henry was born and raised in the county. He is the son of a former representative in the state legislature, is a splendid young man in every way and well qualified to fill the position to which he aspires.—Rich Hill Review.

The debris of the old Park Hotel, formerly the Patten House, purchased by Oscar Revis, has been removed to Mr. Revis' property in the south part of town, where the best of the material will be used in constructing a house. The salvage was more than was thought possible and Mr. Revis secured a bargain. Jesse A. Smith owns the lots, which is valuable inside property.

A. H. Bell, engineer for River Drainage Dist. No. 1, on last Wednesday let at public outcry the uncompleted portion of the ditch, which is in dispute with the contractors Wills & Son. Messrs. Jennings & Jenkins, of Joplin, were the lowest bidders and were awarded the contract to remove about 43,000 cubic yards to bring the grade down to line established, at 90 cents per cubic yard.

G. W. Ellis Jewelry Co. purchased the entire stock of the Erie Jewelry Co., of this city, Tuesday of this week, and Mr. Ellis promises to say something in next week's Times that will interest prospective jewelry buyers. Mr. Ellis also took over all repair work of the Erie Jewelry Co. and will make his work guarantee good. For any information call at Ellis Jewelry Co., would be pleased to have all customers call and see him.

Charles Miller died at his home twelve miles northeast of Butler at an early hour Sunday morning. He had long been a sufferer from Bright's disease, and recently contracted pneumonia. Funeral services were conducted from the home Monday morning and the remains were interred in French cemetery.

Charles W. Zwahlen, of Passaic, the popular and efficient assessor of Mound township, who was settling with the county court on Friday, favored us pleasantly. Mr. Zwahlen's books show an increased valuation of his township of about \$65,000, and the court complimented him very highly on his showing.

Mrs. J. N. Kerns, writing from Guyan, Oklahoma, to renew her subscription, says she delights to keep up her acquaintance in Bates county through The Times columns. She says they have experienced two crop failures in that section but have bright prospects. Mrs. Kerns is a daughter of uncle Jimmie Spears, at Johnston.

The Times was complimented by a call from Mrs. Chas. Beard and her two sisters, Mrs. J. F. Dillon and Mrs. Ida Davis, of Enid, Okla., who were visiting her the first of the week. These ladies are the three youngest daughters of the late Z. Baker. Mrs. Dillon and Mrs. Davis came back to Bates county to attend the funeral of their mother, Mrs. Martha Baker.

Thos. Stout, of Bartlesville, Okla., arrived in Butler Saturday, to join his wife, who is staying with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Brown. Mr. Stout reported that the large store where he was employed caught fire on Friday, and the stock, which had just invoiced \$35,000, was ruined by fire, smoke and water. The insurance adjusters will be there this week, and the firm expects to open up again as soon as new goods can be secured.

Right Kind of a Judge.

Judge Latshaw, of Kansas City, notified two negroes that had asaulted a woman that if they pleaded guilty before him he would assess the death penalty. This will put him in bad with mollycoddles and others who worry about the fate of brutes who assault women, but to thinking people he will be considered the right sort of a man to have on the bench. The sooner people realize that death is the only terror to a thug who is so degraded as to assault a woman, the quicker will such assaults become less frequent, if not abated entirely. Society should give no more consideration to an alleged human being who would assault a woman than to a mad dog. The way to deal with such crimes is with a rope in a legal manner, says the Springfield Leader.

Peddler Buys Boy For Rags.

Streator, Ill., Jan.—In order that they might raise funds with which to celebrate New Year's, Evan Evans, 11 years old, a nephew of "Honey Boy" Evans, placed his 6-year-old brother, Arthur, in a sack and sold him to a local junk firm. At the rate which is paid for old rags the young brother brought 17 cents, which amount the older brother pocketed. The junk dealer was none the wiser until he was on the point of throwing the recently acquired purchase into the storehouse. The boy then uttered a yell, but when released made his escape and joined the brother down the street.

Annual Meeting of the Walton Trust Company.

The Stockholders and Directors of the Walton Trust Company held their annual meeting on January 6th, 1910. Directors:—Frank M. Voris, Max Weiner, John E. Shutt, J. B. Walton, A. B. Owen, C. A. Allen, Dr. T. C. Boulware, Frank Allen, C. H. Dutcher, Wm. M. Trigg, Wm. E. Walton and several stockholders were present.

President Wm. E. Walton made his annual report, viz:

Gentlemen:—The following shows the business done by The Walton Trust Company during the year 1909.

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| Gross earnings | \$48,721.45 |
| Expenses and taxes paid | 25,251.29 |
| Net earnings | 23,470.16 |
| Worth to stockholders | 20,439.29 |
| Our capital stock of | 5,000.00 |

I will recommend that we pay stockholders a six per cent dividend making eleven per cent for this year. Stockholders have received eleven per cent dividends each of the last six years and the taxes paid.

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| For the year 1909 we paid | |
| Taxes | \$ 2,250.00 |
| During the last six years | |
| The Walton Trust Company received | \$ 2,250.00 |
| It paid taxes and expenses | |
| on | 112,500.00 |
| Leaving as net earnings | \$11,250.00 |
| Which averages annually | \$1,875.00 |

equivalent to thirty-five per cent.

The Walton Trust Company lends about one million dollars annually on first lien farm mortgages in Bates, Vernon, Barton, Cedar, Dade and Polk counties in Missouri and eastern Oklahoma.

Afterwards we sell the mortgages to Savings Banks, Trust Companies, Life Insurance Companies and to hundreds of individual investors.

They have purchased our farm mortgages regularly as they had investing funds during the last ten, twenty or thirty years without having lost a dollar of principal or interest or paid anything for expenses.

We carefully inspect each farm loaned on and examine the title.

This is a good showing for safety-handling as we do about six hundred mortgages a year.

During the last thirteen years The Walton Trust Company has paid its stockholders in cash dividends \$72,600.00 which averages ten per cent and now has in the surplus and profit account \$86,411.95, making each \$100.00 of stock worth \$257.10.

Our present standing is thus

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| We hold in notes and mortgages | \$80,000.00 |
| Bank building, bonds, stocks and life insurance | 50,000.00 |
| Capital stock | \$50,000.00 |
| Surplus and profits | 86,411.95 |
| Div. payable | 15,000.00 |
| Deposits | 25,000.00 |
| Total | \$257,100.00 |

From a small beginning years ago The Walton Trust Company has gradually grown until it is the largest institution of its kind in southwest Missouri.

Our success did not come by chance but by careful attention to business and never allowing any mortgage buyer to lose a dollar of principal or interest or pay anything for expenses.

We retain the confidence and patronage of all our investors, never having lost one.

We do a large business safely for small profits. The aggregate profits are satisfactory.

We have no bad debts and do not at this time own an acre of foreclosed property.

It is a good record that after 39 years continuous business of lending on farms and selling the notes and mortgages to investors everywhere that we have never allowed any mortgage buyer to lose a dime or pay any expenses. None of them own a foreclosed farm nor does The Walton Trust Company at this time own an acre of foreclosed land.

Wm. E. Walton, Pres.

A Baptist Meeting.

The next regular quarterly meeting of the Executive Board of Butler Association will be held with the church at Rich Hill, beginning on Friday, January 28th, 1910, and continuing over Sunday following.

In connection with this on Saturday and Sunday will be held a Sunday School Institute.

It is most earnestly desired that every Baptist Church and Sunday School in this association send to this meeting a number of representatives.—The Executive Board. 12-td

I have a number of inquiries for farms. If you wish to sell, list with me. C. W. HESS, Butler, Mo. 28ft

TWO HORSETHIEVES

CAPTURED.

Quick Work By Bates County Officers.

Sheriff Bullock was notified by Sheriff Hamilton, of Cass county, that early Monday morning a team, comprising a black horse and black mare, had been stolen from the barn of George Scott, a big Hereford cattle farmer near Belton, and had been traced going south toward Bates county. Mr. Bullock immediately notified his deputies, Lee Stith and R. A. Hiser, at Adrian, and also notified J. S. Brown, secretary, and Chas. Dixon, captain of the local C. P. A., who promptly responded to the call.

Deputy Stith, in communication with Sheriff Hamilton, learned that the team was seen near the Cass and Bates line, on Grand River. The deputy immediately started in that direction and when near old Crescent Hill, intercepted two men in a buggy that answered the description of the team. He immediately placed the two men under arrest, and when searched the only weapon found on them was an old case knife, which had been sharpened to a point. The men gave their names as Paul and Charley McDonald. Paul is 21 years old, is 6 feet 4 inches high and wears a number 12 shoe. McDonald is a little sawed-off, 4 feet 6 inches. They claimed to have been together in Kansas City for two weeks, and had gone to Belton on a freight train. Paul is a nephew of Mrs. Scott, and formerly lived in that neighborhood.

They were brought to Butler Monday evening by deputy sheriffs Stith and Hiser and lodged in jail. Sheriff Hamilton, accompanied by Mr. Scott and his son, arrived on the night train and took the prisoners to Harrisonville. There was no reward offered, but Mr. Scott said he would be liberal with deputy sheriff Stith. Sheriff Bullock expresses appreciation of the prompt and cheerful aid furnished by the C. P. As.

Father Convicts His Sons.

Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 10.—C. G. Reese and Leonard Reese, sons of Patrolman G. T. Reese, of the Atlanta police force, were convicted of burglary this afternoon on their father's evidence and sentenced to two years in the penitentiary. The two boys were arrested by their father in the act of robbing a store last Friday night. He appeared in court as prosecutor. Patrolman Reese, on the witness stand, said:

"I tried to raise my boys right and it nearly killed me when I found them trying to rob a store, but I felt it was my duty, under my oath as an officer, to arrest them and prosecute. I told them they were guilty and they must take their punishment."

"There is indeed a real man," said Judge Roan, when the elder Reese had finished speaking, "and an officer who has the highest possible regard for his oath. He deserves to rank with the old Roman Judge who condemned his own son."

"A case of Spartan virtue and like some story from the Old Testament," said Solicitor General Charles D. Hill.

WANT FEDERAL AID

FOR ALASKAN ROAD.

Plans to Build Railway From Tidewater to Interior Alaska.

Washington, Jan.—A scheme for a government guaranty for a through railroad project, from tidewater to interior Alaska, in which the Guggenheim interests figure, looms back of a display of near-Arctic grain and vegetables that stocked the room of the house committee on territories.

The Guggenheim mining interests have copper properties in the Copper river section, and until recently it has been claimed they wanted no guaranty. Now a movement has been given new life, looking to general legislation to guarantee the interest on the bonds of railroads built in Alaska after a certain amount of construction work has been completed.

Its advocates claim that capital cannot be induced into the territory without government co-operation. The matter has not yet come before the committee.

The railroad project, with its proposed connections, contemplates tide water outlets at Cordova, east of Valdez, the eastern terminus to be at Fairbanks, not far from the Arctic circle, and the exhibit on the territories committee's table is intended to show what that section can produce and promise in the way of agricultural railroad traffic.

Cleaning-up Sale Prices

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| \$25 Suits and Overcoats | \$20.00 |
| \$20 Suits and Overcoats | \$15.00 |
| \$15 Suits and Overcoats | \$10.50 |
| \$10 Suits and Overcoats | \$ 7.00 |
| \$7 Suits and Overcoats | \$ 5.00 |

Men's, Boys' and Children's Separate Pants
AT COST

50 Children's Suits, Odd Sizes
LESS THAN COST

45 Pair Knickerbocker Pants,
Sizes 4 to 16--40c

We are Selling Reliable Clothes at Wholesale Prices

JOE MEYER, The Clothier.